## Pennyrile DEIC Minutes March 11, 2005

**Attending:** April Dill, Beverly Turner, Kathy Miller, Angela Stewart, Sharon Oliver, Rheanne Brummett, Molly Moller, David Girdner, Traci Mansfield, Pam Babcock, Robin Guynn, Krystal Gardner

**Minutes:** The December 2004 minutes were approved by those in attendance.

**Provider Update:** Gwen Meguiar, DI, has moved. Melanie Stone, OT, discontinued services. There is a gap for OT services in most of the counties. Speech still has gaps for Crittenden, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties. PT has gaps in several counties.

**Point of Entry Report:** During December there were 16 referrals, 9 initial IFSP meetings, 44 cases carried over, and a month-end caseload of 36. In January there were 20 referrals, 6 initial IFSP meetings, 36 cases carried over, and a month-end caseload of 39. For February there were 25 referrals, 7 IFSP meetings, 39 cases carried over, and a month-end caseload of 46. Since July 1 there have been 78 children found eligible for services.

**Technical Assistance Team Report:** On May 11, there is a "Connect with KDE" workshop about IDEA reauthorization at the Christian County Board of Education building in Hopkinsville. It's sponsored by KY-SPIN and the Department of Education. It is from 8:30 -3:30 and there is no cost. Registration forms can be downloaded from <a href="www.kyspin.com">www.kyspin.com</a> by using the link for "Connecting with KDE" workshops.

More IFSP Trainings have been scheduled: March 17 in Paducah, March 28 in Murray and April 22 in Mayfield. Almost everyone in the Pennyrile counties has completed the training or registered to attend. Contact Kathy Miller if someone needs to attend. (888-451-0058)

The ICC has approved a policy that DI's who don't have their IECE certification will need to enroll in classes by January 1, 2006, to complete that certification. No more Professional Development Plans will be accepted after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The regular regulations that were signed in January or February are now on the First Steps website: <a href="http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps.htm">http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps.htm</a>. The most updated versions of the Policy & Procedure Addendums are also on the website.

**Old/New Business:** April Dill, parent co-chair, requested help to attend a Lissencephaly conference in Indiana in July. The expenses would be around \$1000 and she requested \$625 from the DEIC to cover registrations and hotel costs. She hadn't received the conference information in writing yet. The budget subcommittee will discuss the request by phone or e-mail. The DEIC budget is housed with the TA Team funds at the university, so are more restrictions on how the money can be used. The University can process stipends for parents who attend DEIC meetings.

Millie Armstrong had been on the budget subcommittee but has moved to Germany. Beverly Turner is the interim representative in Millie's place.

The Audubon Area Head Start and the Calloway 7Simpson County Regional Training Centers have an Early Childhood Institute on April 22, in Madisonville. Registrations can be taken online at <a href="https://63.147.95.22/hstars/hstars.php">https://63.147.95.22/hstars/hstars.php</a>.

**Meeting Dates:** The DEIC meetings for the rest of 2005 have been scheduled at the PADD office in Hopkinsville for June 10, September 9 and December 9 at 9 AM. The PSC quarterly meetings are set for the same dates, from 9:30 - 12:30.

Next Meeting: June 10, 9 AM, Hopkinsville PADD office; PSC Meeting 9:30 – 12:30.